

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2021-130-S

Joint Application for Approval of the Sale of Assets and Transfer of Facilities, Territory and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from Synergy Utilities, L.P. to South Carolina Water Utilities, Inc.

Synergy Utilities, L. P. ("Synergy") and South Carolina Water Utilities, Inc. ("SCWU") (collectively, the "Joint Applicants") jointly applied to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for Approval of a Sale of Assets, including Sewer Facilities, Territories, and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, from Synergy to SCWU ("Application"). The Application was filed pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 and other applicable rules and regulations. On March 31, 2021, the Joint Applicants executed an asset purchase agreement (Exhibit C of the Application) in which SCWU will acquire Synergy's assets currently used to serve the customers of Synergy, including the transfer of sewer systems, territory, certificates, permits, powers and privileges, and including all of Synergy's sewer customers who will become customers of SCWU. The Application requests the Commission to permit SCWU to operate the sewer systems currently owned and operated by Synergy under the schedules of rates and charges currently approved for them by the Commission. The Joint Applicants also ask SCWU to operate the acquired system under the name "South Carolina Water Utilities, Inc."

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

A copy of the Companies' Joint Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under **Docket No. 2021-130-S**. Additionally, a copy of the Joint Application is available from the offices of Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire, Terreni Law Firm, LLC, 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, Brian D. Bahr, Director, Rates & Regulatory, SouthWest Water Company, 1620 Grand Avenue Parkway, Suite 140, Pflugerville, Texas 78660 and Keith G. Parnell, Synergy Utilities, L.P., 816 E. Main Street, Lexington, South Carolina 29072.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a Party of Record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 1, 2021**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all Parties of Record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2021-130-S and mail a copy to all other Parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **June 1, 2021**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2021-130-S.***

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested Parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested Parties at a later date.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2021-130-S*.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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